

## Jeffrey Gould, Dedicated Amateur Radio Volunteer, Dies

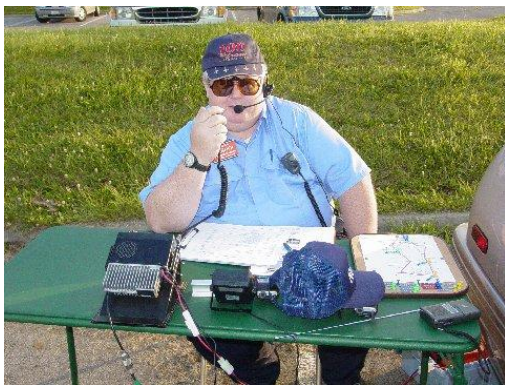
We at the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security (FCEM&HS) were saddened by news of the recent passing of Jeffrey Gould. Jeff died of a heart attack at Mount Carmel St. Anne's Hospital on July 19, 2010. He was 54.

Jeff was a 1973 graduate of Bexley High School and completed numerous advanced first aid and EMT training classes. When a group of Red Cross volunteers in 1979 decided to recruit a First Aid Service Corps (FASC) team from members of advanced first aid classes, ski patrols and first aid instructors, Jeff became a founding member. With Kal Dworkin (now the Emergency Coordinator of the Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service) they determined that the FASC needed improved electronic communication ability and they earned their amateur radio licenses.



In addition to a career in banking, Jeff was a pilot and member of the Airplane Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). Jeff attended air traffic controller school in the early 80's. "Never one to take the spotlight, he preferred to shine on others" was the comment provided by the Columbus Magi-Fest Magic Convention (one of the oldest and largest magic conventions in the country). Jeff was recognized by the Magi-Fest for his friendship and involvement as a volunteer board member.

Jeff was on the board of the Central Ohio Amateur Radio Service (COARES) and was an Assistant Emergency Coordinator. COARES is a member of the Volunteer Organization Coordinating Council, a committee of volunteer agency liaisons who collaborate with FCEM&HS staff in support of the FCEM&HS mission to coordinate county-wide all-hazards disaster planning, community education, warning, training, grant funding, response and recovery. Jeff had been recognized as Amateur Radio Operator of the Year by COARES many times.



Jeff had mastered each of the elements of emergency communications and was a volunteer who could be regularly counted on to take the lead or mentor new individuals. He taught classes on operating radio networks, developing organizational skills for new chairpeople, and designing the new COARES Communication Center at The River, WCVO 104.9 FM in Gahanna. He coordinated the amateur radio emergency communications for airport drills, community emergency drills, TOSRV support, the Columbus Marathon support, the Muirfield Golf Tournament emergency communications, the OSU home football games support, and the behind the scenes for the OSU June

Commencement emergency communications. Jeff helped coordinate the testing of amateur radio equipment located at area hospitals in conjunction with COTS (the Central Ohio Trauma System). In addition, he helped hundreds of new radio operators become proficient communicators.

Jeff's often unseen contributions to the community will not be forgotten. We at Franklin county Emergency Management and Homeland Security offer condolences to his family and friends and thanks to Jeff for his years of dedication to the community. Jeff's obituary, service arrangements, online guestbook and condolences may be viewed online at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dispatch/obituary.aspx?n=jeffrey-u-gould&pid=144209225&fhid=6019>  
and at: <http://www.evansfuneralhome.net/index.cfm>